

Festival Camping information: Check in begins Fri. May 2nd.

Camping from Friday, May 2nd, until the evening of Sunday, May 4th is included in Festival Registration. Due to the overwhelming response and expected attendance, please try to **Car Pool** and Tent pool, consolidating your party. *Car-pooling is also good for our environment!*

The Campground and Festival Main site is the **Tamihi Creek Forest Service Recreation Campsite**.

HOW TO GET HERE: To drive here, taking Highway 1 West from Vancouver (Trans-Canada Highway), exit into Chilliwack at Exit 119, City Center, Vedder Road. Keep right at the fork, but do not Turn right, follow signs through town towards Vedder road S / Cultus Lake / Sardis. Bear right at Vedder road. Turn Left (upstream) at Chilliwack Lake Road – this is the intersection immediately before the Bridge. Note the signs for RAPIDS. If you cross the Chilliwack River now, you have gone too far. Follow Chilliwack Lake Road up the river, about 12 km, to the campground. The road will cross over the Chilliwack River (just below the Tamihi rapids, noticeable by the slalom gates, and big holes). The Campground is to the right on the road immediately after you cross the bridge. Turn right at the road, and travel downstream for about 500m. *Or if you have paddled the river, this is located on river left, just below the Tamihi rapids, where the creek comes into the River ☺ Welcome to the Festival!*

Please be sure to stop and **Check in at the Registration Tent** to ensure your party is booking into the campground. Only registered guests will be allowed in the Campground.

Campsites have some tables, and metal fire rings. **Firewood** will be available for sale from the campground operator, or bring your own. Do NOT burn any forest material; collect wood or sticks from the campground area or surrounding forest.

Garbage and recyclables should be deposited in the receptacles provided or packed out.

Pets must be under control at all times. **Children** are the responsibility of the parent / guardian and particular attention should be taken to keep children away from the river and creek's edge, and the roadways.

No abuse of liquor, consumption of liquor by minors or abuse of illegal substances will be tolerated. Violators may be asked to leave. Please enjoy responsibly.

Camping things to remember to bring: Tent, Chairs (and a table if you have), Tarps and Rope (there are lots of trees, but some spaces have more distance between trees, so bring ample rope), **Fresh Water** (there is NO drinking water source at the Campground), Bowl and utensil for Saturday night meal, flashlight, fire materials, **Money for the Silent Auction** and Raffle tickets.

The Vancouver Kayak Club, it's executive, volunteers and employees accept no responsibility for any loss or injury, whether occurring on the river or at the campground, or during any aspect of the Festival. **You are responsible for your own safety, comfort and enjoyment.** Any party found disregarding these rules and guidelines may be asked to leave and have their festival admission revoked. The decisions of the Festival Organizer are final, and no refunds will be provided.

The Vancouver Kayak Club reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Event for reasons of safety or other.

Forest etiquette

When using recreation sites and trails, please practise forest etiquette:

- Be careful not to damage the vegetation.
- Use only dead and downed trees for firewood, bedding material or other uses. Do not cut live trees or their branches.
- Respect fire closures.
- Use fire safely: build a campfire only in the fire ring and tend it carefully.
- Avoid dumping smouldering barbecue briquettes except in designated fire rings.
- Use your ashtray, especially when driving along forest roads.
- Clean fish well away from your camp. Dispose of the entrails by puncturing the bladder and dropping in deep or rushing water. Alternately, burn the entrails thoroughly in a very hot fire.
- Empty sewage from your trailer or camper at sani-stations - never along the road, in or near water.
- Keep pets quiet, on a leash and under control.
- Avoid activities that may annoy or offend others.
- Leave the site tidy - it's your property that you are keeping clean.
- If litter barrels are not provided, take your litter and garbage with you. Metal, plastic and glass are unsightly and can cause serious harm if ingested or stepped on. They do not break down in the elements.

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dck/Recreation/etiquette.html>

Rules for the use of recreation sites and trails

Thousands of people visit our forests every day looking for places to hike, fish or camp. They bring with them a wide diversity of interests and needs. In order to meet the needs of as many people as possible, some common sense rules have been established under the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*.

Please remember...

1. **Do:**
 - operate your vehicle or bicycle carefully, so you don't damage facilities or natural resources;
 - park your vehicle or equipment so it doesn't block any roads, sites, or trails;
 - keep your speed below 20 km/hr in the vicinity of recreation sites;
 - watch for children.
2. **Don't:**
 - dispose of game offal at recreation sites;
 - set a trap or discharge a firearm, bow or cross bow at a recreation site;
 - discharge the contents of holding tanks on a site or trail;

- create a deliberate or unnecessary disturbance to other persons;
- make noise that interferes with the enjoyment of other persons after 11 pm.

3. Pack out your garbage!

If a container is provided, you may deposit garbage that has accumulated while using a site or trail.

4. Use of recreation sites

You are not allowed to:

- camp or leave equipment on a recreation site for more than 14 consecutive days;
- remove firewood;
- erect a structure;
- use a site or trail for a competitive sporting event;
- use a site or trail for a commercial or industrial purpose.

See a forest official if you have needs that might warrant special permission.

5. Pets

A person responsible for a pet must ensure the pet does not:

- disturb other persons or animals; or
- present a threat to other persons property or to the life or safety of other persons or animals.

The rules concerning the use of recreation sites, recreation trails and interpretative forest sites are established in the *Forest Recreation Regulation* of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*. A person who contravenes these regulations commits an offence.

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dck/Recreation/rules.html>

The policy for the maximum party size is "a family or party from the same residence or a party of 6 people".

There is a maximum of one vehicle allowable per party. All other vehicles require payment of an additional camping permit. Vehicles must be kept on existing roads, parking areas and campsites.